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WASHINGTON, D C 20463

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Marc E. Elias
Perkins Coie
607 Fourteenth Street, NW
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RE: MUR 5617
Kerry-Edwards 2004

Dear Mr. Elias:

This is in response to your letter dated December 8, 2004, which we received on that day requesting a 30-day extension to respond to the complaint filed in the above-noted matter. After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, the Office of General Counsel has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on or before January 17, 2005.

If you have any questions, please contact me on our toll-free telephone number, (800) 424-9530. Our local telephone number is (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Kim Collins Stevenson".

Kim Collins Stevenson, Paralegal
Complaints Examination and
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